Only working smoke alarms save lives!

- You should **install** a smoke alarm in each sleeping area (bedroom), hallway, living area, the top of stairways in a multi-level home.

- **Interconnect** smoke alarms so when one goes off they all go off alerting you and your family at the earliest possible time.

- For **older people** or **people with a disability** smoke alarms should be connected to a personal alarm system.

- Young children are likely to **sleep through** the sound of a smoke alarm, so **you must alert them** to a fire and help them escape to safety.

- **Replace** lead/alkaline batteries yearly or use an alarm with a 10 year battery.

- **240-volt smoke alarms** also have back-up batteries - check with the manufacturer if your model has batteries that need to be replaced regularly, or whether it has a re-chargeable battery.

- All alarms have a **use by date of 10 years**, after this time, the entire alarm must be replaced.

- **Installation** is quick and easy. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions. Because smoke rises, mounting in the middle of the ceiling is recommended.

- **Test** alarms monthly.

- **Vacuum** dust from alarms every six months.
Where best to position your smoke alarms

Single Level Homes
Install a smoke alarm in every sleeping area (bedroom), hallway and living area.

Multi Level Homes
Install a smoke alarm in every sleeping area (bedroom), hallway, living area and on the ceiling at the top of the stairway connecting the levels.

Required by Law:
- A smoke alarm in all hallways.
- A smoke alarm at the top of all stairways.

Recommended:
- All locations shown above and below.

Important
Interconnect smoke alarms so when one goes off they all go off alerting you and your family as quickly as possible if there is a fire.

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